

# Indiana Free Library SHELF LIFE



**Hoopla is Coming**

## Letter from the Director: January 2022

We are leaving 2021 *behind* and moving on to what we all hope is a better year. Read on to find a great line-up of programs and activities to greet the New Year!

In 2021, with the help of many volunteers this summer we were able to retag all library materials which now are fully functional with a new self-check-out system that patrons are very much enjoying. It is *quick* and *convenient!* We have many new titles to choose from so stop in and browse.

If you look ahead to the schedule of great events on the horizon, you will notice that there are both in-house activities and great digital offerings to keep our community growing, learning, reading, and excited!

For the kids, we have expanded online programming with Checkers TV, a series of reading focused programs bring the fun to reading.

Miss Humblebees is great for the tiniest patrons who are gaining skills for Kindergarten [and may not even know that], but are having fun with these activities. We continue to share books with chickens in "Stories from the Hen House". Be sure to register for one of our in-house programs starting up with limited sizes, having fun while still masked for safety.

Adult Book Clubs which have continued in spite of the pandemic have made many transitions from Zoom- to outdoors -to small groups in-house and are still going strong. Enjoy the comradery of reading while enjoying book discussions with *new friends!*

For those *New Year's resolutions*, consider taking an online course to gain new job skills or start your next hobby. There are over 350 online classes available through Gale Courses on the library website, which offer quality, instructor-led, six-week, courses that many Community Colleges use for credit, but you can take them at your library for FREE! There is also homework help and study

materials for life-changing exams such as the SAT'S, GRE's, GED's, LSAT's and many more on the Learning Express Digital Library. There is more to come with new *STREAMING* services through Hoopla on the library website. We have ebooks and audiobooks on the cloudLibrary and many more amazing digital services. ALL FREE with your library card!

This year will bring new opportunities to consider how you can grow through writing! We will offer a topical series of six writing workshops in partnership with IUP's Writing Lab for a *Community Writing Center* under the direction of Dana Driscoll. These sessions will offer you the opportunity to grow in writing skills with hands-on workshops on topics such as Grant Writing, Business Writing, Creative Writing, Comic Writing, Literature and Writing as Healing. Please see the events page for this exciting line-up of upcoming programs.

These winter months are a great time to explore something new. Let's make 2022 a year to remember!

*Stay Safe*  
*-Kate Geiger*

# WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to welcome these programs back into the Library!

Registration for these programs is required. To register please follow these steps:

1. Go to our website [www.indianafreelibrary.org](http://www.indianafreelibrary.org)
2. Click on our "Upcoming Events" tab
3. Find the program you wish to attend and click on it
4. Click "Register Now" in the upper right side of the page



## Cruise into Kindergarten

Ages 3-5 (Preschoolers or just starting kindergarten)

**Wednesdays at 11 AM** in the Storyroom and Craft Area. Class will begin on January 19th.

There will be sixteen Wednesday morning programs that include activity cards with easy lessons that allow you and your child to "talk, sing, read, write, and play your way to learning."

Registration will open on January 3rd 2022. Registration is required for this weekly event and one parent or guardian must attend with their child(ren).

For additional info contact Val at [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com)

## Join us in the Children's Department Mondays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 1-2 pm

We will have an art themed book and then we will do a small art project with materials you can find around your house or inexpensively at the dollar store. You will learn about painting, sculptures and may other forms of art in this fun in-house art program!

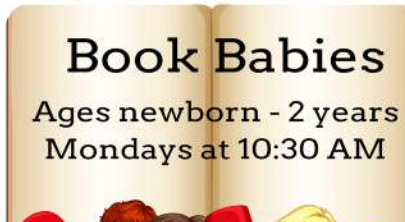


## The Craft House Ages 6-12



## IFL STORYTIME AT THE HEN HOUSE

Ages 2-6 Tuesdays @ 1 PM in the Storyroom and Craft Area. A story from our collection and easy craft related to a weekly theme and a quick virtual visit with those ornery chickens of Val's.



Ages newborn-2  
**Mondays at 10:30 AM** in the Storyroom. A new, short story picture book with fingerplays, music, songs, and rhyme time all tangled up into a fun time.

Please help us stay open!



Do to our limited number of staff and our desire to remain open, we are requesting everyone wear a mask while using the library. If you can not wear a mask due to medical reasons we would love to provide books via Grab-N-Go. Please call your request in at 724-465-8841 or send an email requesting your titles to [iflgrabngo@indianafreelibrary.org](mailto:iflgrabngo@indianafreelibrary.org)

**Read Around the World Book Club**

SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE AND CHECK OUT WHERE WE'LL BE TRAVELING TO THIS YEAR  
846 PHILADELPHIA STREET - INDIANA, PA 15701

**new in 2022** : Join the Indiana Free Library's newest book club as we read around the world! Each month we'll be traveling somewhere new through books and discussion (Sometimes maybe even a snack or two.) **Any questions? Don't hesitate to get in touch with Elin at [elinthelibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:elinthelibrarian@gmail.com)** -Our January meeting will be moved to the 23rd due to the Library being closed on the 17th in Observance of Martin Luther King, JR Day-

## Attention writers of all ages!!!

### Community Writing Center Tutoring:

- February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6-8pm
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - 6-8pm

Free one-on-one tutoring support for any piece of writing. (Idea generation, creative writing, job search materials & more)

### Writing Workshops:

- January 29<sup>th</sup> - Grant Writing
- February 9<sup>th</sup> - Creative Writing
- February 26<sup>th</sup> - Comic Writing
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - Writing as Healing
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Business Writing Basics
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Literature

These workshops will be held in the Community Room on the second floor of the Library at 845 Philadelphia Street - Downtown Indiana



## RESOURCES

The POWER Library is a service of Pennsylvania's public libraries, school libraries, and the State Library. The POWER Library provides access to thousands of full text periodical articles, newspapers, a major encyclopedia, plus photographs, pictures, charts, maps and reference materials for students and people of all ages.

[www.powerlibrary.org](http://www.powerlibrary.org)



Free with your IFL card!!!



# TASTER'S CLUB ...is BACK!

Like to cook and share recipes?  
Want to try something new once in a while?  
Well, the IFL Taster's Club is for you then!

We will meet every first Wednesday of the month at noon to share a cooking experience with other members. A cookbook will be chosen from our collection and members will have the chance to pick a recipe from the book, make the dish at home, and bring it in to the Library to share with the others on the first Wednesday of each month. You can also share your tips for making the dish, any substitutions you might have made, and your critique of the recipe. Let's cook and bake our way into the new normal of our world!!!

Join us the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the Community Room

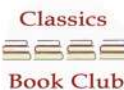


## IFL Book Club Schedule

JOIN one of our SIX popular book clubs

We are now meeting in the Community Room at the Library

Find more information on our website [www.indianafreelibrary.org](http://www.indianafreelibrary.org)



**Classics** The Classics Book Club will meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. Email Lauri at [iflteens@gmail.com](mailto:iflteens@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**January 28th**  
The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

**February 24th**  
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut

**March 24th**  
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

**April 28th**  
The Rainbow by D. H. Lawrence



**The We Be Book N' Tween Book Club** will meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Email Val @ [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**January 24th**  
The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell (ages 8-12)

**February 21st**  
The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pène du Bois (ages 8-12)

**March 21st**  
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum (ages 8-12)

**April 18th**  
History Smashers: The Mayflower by Kate Messner (ages 8-12)



**The True Story Book Club** will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Email Val @ [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**January 4th**  
Obsessive Genius: The Inner World of Marie Curie (Great Discoveries) by Barbara Goldsmith

**February 1st**  
The Answer Is ...: Reflections on My Life by Alex Trebek

**March 1st**  
What Stands in a Storm: A True Story of Love and Resilience in the Worst Superstorm in History by Kim Cross

**April 5th**  
An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny by Laura Schroff



**The American History Book Club** will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Email Val @ [iflkidsfun@gmail.com](mailto:iflkidsfun@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**January 22nd**  
History VS Hollywood - Movie - Oregon Trail  
**January 25th** - Book Discussion - Oregon Trail by Francis Parkman

**February 22nd**  
Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom by Catherine Clinton (Book discussion only)

**March 22nd**  
All for the Union: The Civil War Diary & Letters of Elisha Hunt Rhodes by Robert Hunt (Book discussion only)

**April 23rd**  
History VS Hollywood - Movie - The Long Riders  
**April 25th** - Book Discussion) Last Hurrah of the James-Younger Gang by Robert Barr Smith

For "History VS Hollywood" events. Movies will be shown at 11 AM in the Community Room the Saturday before the book discussion.



**The IFL Book Club** will meet the second Monday of each month at 7 pm. Email Lauri [iflteens@gmail.com](mailto:iflteens@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**January 10th**  
Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

**February 14th**  
Last Christmas in Paris by Heather Webb

**March 14th**  
Elizabeth and Hazel by David Margolick

**April 11th**  
Bold Spirit by Linda Lawrence Hunt



**The Read Around the World Book Club** will meet the third Monday of each month at 7 pm. Email Elin at [Elinthelibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:Elinthelibrarian@gmail.com) for meeting information.

**January 23rd**  
The Arctic Fury by Greer Macallister

**February 21st**  
House on Endless Waters by Emina Elon

**March 21st**  
People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

**April 18th**  
Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

**New Hours**  
Open Daily @ 10:00 am  
*Our full schedule of hours*  
Monday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Tuesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**Closed Friday & Sunday**  
Visit [www.indianafreelibrary.org](http://www.indianafreelibrary.org) for our programming schedule.

**THE READING ROAD TRIP**  
**FULL STEAM AHEAD**  
FIND A NEW EPISODE EVERY WEDNESDAY ON OUR IFL FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE [WWW.INDIANAFREELIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.INDIANAFREELIBRARY.ORG)

The Indiana Free Library is proud to introduce you and your family to the world of Checkers the inventor. Our new series offered to our library card holders - free! Many know Checkers for his high energy live programs, but he has also a published author of a kids book series, a presenter hosting five different educational programs for schools throughout New York, Pennsylvania and the surrounding states, a speaker for high school students, and an innovator in multimedia educational entertainment content, producing online video content with over 6 million views on YouTube worldwide. Checkers TV is a weekly educational entertainment program featuring Checkers the Inventor, his robot sidekick, Snoozer, and a variety of special visitors including medical professionals, community leaders, police and fire men and women, and other special guests in highly-produced 30 minute episodes. Each weekly episode also includes segments featuring storytelling, author interviews, art projects, science experiments, interactive games, contests, comedy, magic, and exciting short films that will have children on the edge of their seats. You can find a new episode of Checkers Library TV posted to our website at <https://indianafreelibrary.org/what-we-do/youth-programs/storytimes/checkers-library-tv.html> and on our IFL Facebook page every Thursday!



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Did you know that the Indiana Free Library is a gold star library? This means that the library has met a set of standards presented by the Pennsylvania Library Association. PA Forward® provides a universal voice and framework for Pennsylvania libraries and community engagement. The Pennsylvania Library Association initiative, which launched statewide in 2012, works through five key literacies – Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health and Financial – and helps libraries connect their programs to community needs. The Indiana free library earned its gold star in March 2020. Throughout this year, the library has continued to provide programs, displays, social media posts, and more so that we can continue to meet the PA Forward Star standards and provide quality services to our patrons.

A gold star is awarded once a library has achieved the Bronze Star and Silver Star status in each of the five literacies, and has shown how it has fully integrated the PA Forward® Initiative into its programming curriculum and a commitment to providing the programming fuel to move PA Forward®.

## Libraries Change Lives!

YOUR donation is greatly appreciated!

Please support YOUR Indiana Free Library

Your donation enables us to:

- Meet the increasing demands for all library services.
- Maintain our current level of professional assistance and hours of operation.



A sponsorship of \$150 or more will be posted on our digital display, website and seasonal newsletter. Sponsorships may be shared or supported by more than one person or group.

Online donations may be made at:  
[www.indianafreelibrary.org](http://www.indianafreelibrary.org)

All donations are tax deductible.

- The Literary League: \$1-\$149
- The Mary E. Ahern Club: \$150-\$300  
(1-hour Library Sponsorship)
- The Dewey Book Group: \$301-\$499  
(2-hour Library Sponsorship & name on donor wall)
- The Franklin Library Company: \$500-\$999  
(Half-day Sponsorship & name on donor wall)
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(Full-day sponsorship for every \$1,000 & name on donor wall)
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(Full-week sponsorship & name on permanent plaque)

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